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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In re Application of: : Confirmation No.: 3062

Thomas Markson, et al. : Group Art Unit: 2157

Serial No.: 09/885,290 : Examiner: Gregory G. Todd

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH

FOR DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING

COMPUTER STORAGE WITH

PROCESSING HOSTS

## **REVISED REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AMENDMENT P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until **July 29, 2006**. This Office Action states that the reply previously filed on March 29, 2006 to the previous Office Action mailed December 29, 2006 was not fully responsive. As a result, the Applicant hereby submits the following revised reply.

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Specification Amendments. There are no Drawings Amendments.

Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.
- Remarks begin at page 19.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.